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(TEXT) MOSCOW--TODAY'S IZVESTIYA RIPICULES THE FABRICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT WHICH RECENTLY CARRIED AN ARTICLE ABOUT "RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE AGAINST NATO."

I. ANTONOV, THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA, SHOWS THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH REALITY. HE CLASSIFIES THIS ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN, WHICH IN HIS OPINION IS INSPIRED BY THE CIA, AS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BOOST THE MYTH OF THE "COMMUNIST MENACE" AND CONVINCE EUROPEANS OF THE NECESSITY TO PRESERVE NATO. "THE AMERICAN RULING CIRCLES COULD THINK OF NOTHING BETTER," ANTONOV POINTS OUT, "THAN TO ENTRUST AGITATION FOR NATO AND THE OPERATION FOR RESTORING LOYAL 'ATLANTIC' SENTIMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE TO THE CIA'S NOTORIOUS SPECIALISTS IN SECRET MACHINATIONS.... THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE LEADERS RATHER QUICKLY DECIDED THAT A WELL-TESTED TRICK, THE WHIPPING UP OF AN ANTI-SOVIET ESPIONAGE MANIA, IS THE EASIEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF SOLVING ALL PROBLEMS."

THE CIA BEGAN TO WORK ZEALOUSLY, FOR IT VERY MUCH WANTED TO BOLSTER ITS SHATTERED PRESTIGE, ANTONOV WRITES FURTHER. INDEED, THE PRESS IS STILL DISCUSSING THE SCANDALOUS FAILURE CONNECTED WITH THE SECRET FINANCING OF STUDENTS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS BY THE CIA. "VOICES ARE STILL HEARD ABOUT A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CIA AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ITALIAN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, FORMERLY 'SIFAR,' WHICH HAS STARTED A SPECIAL FILE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TOP LEADERS OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC," ANTONOV WRITES.

ANTONOV DESCRIBES HOW V. GLUKHNOV, AN AEROFLOT REPRESENTATIVE, WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT ANY GROUNDS AT ALL IN HOLLAND AND RELEASED FOUR DAYS LATER BECAUSE HE WAS ABSOLUTELY INNOCENT, AND HOW ANATOLIY OGORODNIKOV, A TASS CORRESPONDENT, WAS DEPORTED FROM BELGIUM UNDER A LUDICROUS PRETEXT. THE AUTHOR EVALUATES THESE ACTIONS AS "GROSS PROVOCATIONS AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS," A "VIOLATION OF ELEMENTARY NORMS OF LEGALITY."

"IT IS INDICATIVE THAT GROUNDLESS ARRESTS AND PROVOCATIONS AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS ARE ACCCOMPANIED BY A NEWSPAPER RUMPSUS, DIRECTED ALSO FROM BEHIND THE SCENES BY THE CIA," ANTONOV POINTS OUT, ADDUCING AS AN EXAMPLE THE INSINUATIONS OF THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

"IF LAWLESS ACTIONS ARE PERPETRATED WITH SUCH EASE IN NATO COUNTRIES AGAINST ACCREDITED FOREIGNERS, IT IS STILL EASIER TO ORGANIZE ILLEGAL POLICE PROSECUTION OF LOCAL CITIZENS, AGAIN UNDER THE PRETEXT OF SAFEGUARDING NATO," THE ARTICLE SAYS. "THE SPY SCARE IS A RATHER SUITABLE NUTRIENT MEDIUM FOR SUCH ARBITRARINESS."

"WE WANT TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER," ANTONOV CONCLUDES, "THAT THERE ARE SOBERMINDED LEADERS IN WESTERN EUROPE WHO WILL CURB THE CIA AGENTS, WHO ARE BECOMING MUCH TOO IMPUDENT IN EUROPE, AND WILL SHOW THEM THEIR PLACE. A RELAXATION OF TENSION IN EUROPE, BENEFITING ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, WILL NOT BE STOPPED BY ANY MACHINATIONS OF THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE OCTOPUS AT Langley. THE CIA WILL HARDLY BE ABLE TO PATCH UP THE CRUMBLING STRUCTURE OF THE AGGRESSIVE NATO BLOC BY ITS BANKRUPT 'CLOAK AND DAGGER' METHODS."